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SUBJECT: RUMORS OF TUSCAN COMPROMESSO STORICO IN THE MAKING

1. DURING PAST FEW DAYS I HAVE PICKED UP SEVERAL RUMORS FROM USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES THAT CERTAIN LOCAL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ARE MAKING OVERTURES TO THE PCI TO OBTAIN HIGH LEVEL APPOINTMENTS IN THE TUSCAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE TWO NAMES MOST OFTEN MENTIONED AS MAKING THESE OVERTURES ARE THOSE OF ENZO PEZZATI, A LEFT WING CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT FLORENCE WITY COUNCILMAN, AND IVO BUTINI, RECENTLY OUSTED FANFANIANI TUSCAN REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS.

2. THE ALLEGED RATIONALE FOR THIS APPROACH TO THE PCI IN TUSCANY IS THAT THE PCI AND THE DC ARE NOW "SHARING POWER" AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND THAT IT WOULD NOW SEEM "APPROPRIATE" FOR THE PCI TO SHARE SOME POWER WITH THE DC IN THE TUSCAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES BOTH PEZZATI AND BUTINI HAVE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED AS AN "APPROPRIATE OFFICE" FOR THEMSELVES THE POSTS OF EITHER PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OR PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY.

3. COMMENT: AS SEEN FROM FLORENCE IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT THE DC NATIONAL ORGANIZATION WOULD PERMIT SUCH AN EVENT
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TAKING PLACE OR THAT THE PCI WOULD BE ENTHUSIASTICN

ABOUT IT EITHER. IT IS NOT COMPLETELY INCREDIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT
THE DESIRE OF CERTAIN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS TO PLACE THEMSELVES
IN POSITIONS OF POWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE MIGHT SEEM AN ATTRACTIVE
OPPORTUNITY TO THE PCI AS ONE MORE STEP IN THEIR QUEST FOR
RESPECTABILITY AND ACCEPTABILITY AS A DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTY.
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